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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ATHERTON AND SAUNDERS

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SUBJECT: LEEDS CASTLE TALKS

1. ARRIVAL OF DAYAN, KAMEL AND YOURSELF TOMORROW AFTER-
NOON AT LEEDS CASTLE REQUIRES SOME MINOR JUGGLING OF THE
SCHEDULE AS YOU HAVE IT IN THE "MANAGING THE LONDON
TALKS" PAPER WHICH YOU TOOK WITH YOU.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR PRESENT INFORMATION, FOLLOWING ARE
THE ARRIVAL TIMES OF THE THREE DELEGATIONS TOMORROW AT
LEEDS CASTLE: DAYAN, 1445; VANCE, 1730; KAMEL, 1735.
ROY ATHERTON AND HERMANN EILTS ARE PLANNING TO DRIVE TO
THE CASTLE TOMORROW IN PLENTY OF TIME TO BE THERE TO
WELCOME DAYAN AND KAMEL (SAM LEWIS IS COMING IN ON THE
SAME FLIGHT WITH DAYAN). ARRANGEMENTS HAVE APPARENTLY
BEEN SET UP SO THAT EACH DELEGATION CAN HAVE THEIR MEALS
SEPARATELY, WHICH IS PROBABLY SENSIBLE. HOWEVER, IT
WOULD BE AWKWARD, TO SAY THE LEAST, FOR ALL THREE FOREIGN
MINISTERS TO BE IN THE CASTLE FROM 1730 ON AND NOT BE
IN COMMUNICATION WITH ONE ANOTHER THAT EVENING. WE
THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT YOU MIGHT WISH TO MAKE COURTESY
CALLS ON BOTH DAYAN AND KAMEL AT SOME POINT THAT EVENING,
LEAVING IT OPEN AS TO WHETHER YOU WISH TO GET INTO SOME

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OF THE SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED FOR OUR
BILATERALS THE FOLLOWING MORNING, OR WHETHER THE MEETING
TOMORROW EVENING SHOULD BE PURELY SOCIAL IN NATURE AND
BRIEF. IF THE LATTER, THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH TIME THE
FOLLOWING MORNING TO HAVE BILATERALS AS LISTED IN THE
ORIGINAL SCHEDULE. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, WE CAN DIS-
POSE OF SOME OF OUR BUSINESS IN THE BILATERAL THE

FIRST EVENING, WE MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO PROCEED
DIRECTLY WITH THE OPENING TRILATERAL SESSION AS THE
FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAY, BEGINNING AT
9:30 IF YOU WISH.

3. WE SEEM TO BE IN REASONABLY GOOD SHAPE IN TERMS OF
HAVING BOTH SIDES ON BOARD THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF HOW
WE INTEND TO CONDUCT THE TALKS. WE WILL NEED TO SORT
OUT A FEW THINGS IN THE INITIAL BILATERAL MEETINGS.
JUST SO YOU CAN GIVE SOME ADVANCE THOUGHT TO THEM,
THESE ARE:
-- AS YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM EILTS' REPORTING TELEGRAM,
THE EGYPTIANS DO NOT WANT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES BEFORE-
HAND TO THE SPECIFICS OF ANOTHER ROUND OF MEETINGS.
SADAT TOOK THE POSITION WITH HERMANN THAT THIS WOULD
DEPEND ON THE WAY THE TALKS HERE WENT. THERE SEEMS TO
BE A REASONABLE CHANCE THAT KAMEL WOULD AT LEAST AGREE
TO A JOINT STATEMENT THAT ENDORSES THE PRINCIPLE OF
FURTHER MEETINGS. WE WILL WANT TO WORK ON THE EGYPTIANS
TO MAKE THE WHEN AND WHERE OF THIS AS SPECIFIC AS POS-
SIBLE. YOU WILL PROBABLY WANT TO MAKE THIS ONE OF THE
POINTS THAT YOU TAKE UP WITH KAMEL IN YOUR INITIAL
MEETING.
-- NEITHER DAYAN NOR KAMEL ARE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT A
PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN THEM. WE THINK IT IMPORTANT

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THAT WE BE ABLE TO SAY THAT AT SOME POINT DURING THE PROCEEDINGS A PRIVATE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THEM. WE THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS UP WITH BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS AND TRY TO GET THEM TO SEE THE DESIRABILITY OF THIS IN TERMS OF PUBLIC IMAGE. YOU WILL CALL ON DAYAN FIRST (HE IS THE SENIOR OF THE TWO MINISTERS) AND WE SHOULD TRY TO GET FROM HIM A DEFINITE EXPRESSION OF DESIRE TO HAVE SUCH A PRIVATE MEETING WITH KAMEL. IF DAYAN WILL DO THIS, WE BELIEVE KAMEL WILL AT LEAST AGREE TO A SHORT MEETING WITH DAYAN.

-- YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN THE ORIGINAL SCENARIO WHICH WE PROPOSED TO THE PARTIES WE SUGGESTED THAT FOR THE BEGINNING OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS KAMEL MIGHT WISH TO EXPLAIN OR ELABORATE ON THE EGYPTIAN WEST BANK/GAZA PROPOSAL, AND THAT DAYAN MIGHT ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL, WITH THE PROCESS BEING REVERSED IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. KAMEL HAS MADE QUITE A STRONG POINT OF HIS DESIRE TO DISCUSS THE ISRAELI PLAN FIRST. SINCE WE DON'T THINK DAYAN WILL HAVE STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THE ORDER IN WHICH THE TWO PROPOSALS ARE TAKEN UP, WE SUGGEST THAT IN YOUR INITIAL MEETING WITH DAYAN YOU ASK IF HE HAS ANY OBJECTION TO DOING IT THE WAY KAMEL WANTS.

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4. IF YOU COULD GET OFF TO US FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING A FLASH MESSAGE GIVING US ANY COMMENTS OR PREFERENCES YOU MIGHT HAVE ON HOW YOU WISH TO PROCEED THE FIRST EVENING, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES HERE.

5. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT WHAT THE BROCHURES ASSURE US IS THE "LOVELIEST CASTLE IN GREAT BRITAIN."

6. WE WILL HAVE OVERVIEW PAPERS REVISED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF EILTS' AND LEWIS' TALKS THIS WEEK AS WELL AS PAPERS FOR EACH OF YOUR INITIAL BILATERAL MEETINGS. WE ASSUME YOU WILL WANT TO ALLOW TIME TO MEET WITH US SHORTLY AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL.

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